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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY

SUBJECT: Intelligence Activities in Berlin

One of the areas generally considered negotiable with respect to Berlin is to curtail or eliminate intelligence activities in Berlin. I agree with this as a general proposition. However, it seemed to me useful to find out just what this commitment entailed. USIB has now submitted the attached memorandum to a small group containing representatives of State, CIA and Defense. I believe it is self-explanatory. I would like to make the following comments:

(1) The most persuasive argument seems to me paragraph 2 -- the problem of admitting the existence of intelligence activities and the problem of controlling such an undertaking;

(2) I am not impressed by the argument that Berlin is crucial for the interrogation of refugees. This, it seems to me, could be handled as well in the Federal Republic;

(3) [REDACTED] The installations are now part of our military force in Berlin. It is therefore conceivable that they could be maintained; and

(4) However, the attached memorandum does indicate that great care should be taken in drafting any clauses about intelligence activities.

*H.*  
Henry Kissinger

Attachment

USIB document referred to above.

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*Kissinger*

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